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TOWN OF CHESTER.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Moderator—Silas F. Learnard.
Town Clerk—Cyrus F. Marston.
Representative—Henry H. Lane.
Selectmen—Charles Chase, George W. Wilcomb, Moses Webster.
Superintending School-Committee—Charles A. Wilcomb.
Treasurer—John W. Noyes.
Collector—Silas F. Learnard.
Auditors—Cyrus F. Marston, William P. Underhill, Samuel S. Parker.
Supervisors—John W. Noyes, Edmund Sleeper, Anderson Holman.

The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer for the following purposes, amounting to $5,056.28:—

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, N. B. Goldsmith	.	$249 03
2, Charles N. Fitz	.	150 92
3, William P. W. Whittemore	. .	183 68
4, Daniel S. West	.	69 83
5, Martin L. Butterfield	. . .	59 75

District No. 6, Benjamin F. Spofford	61 18	
7, Buzzell A. Follansbee	88 78	
8, Horace E. True	83 46	
9, Amos Sanborn	69 54	
10, Henry Knights	47 42	
1, in Auburn, R. G. Smith	14 74	
		$1,078 33

Amount of school money raised by tax	$889 00	
Literary fund	86 58	
Balance of dog tax for 1878 and 1879	102 75	
	$1,078 33	

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax	$1,016 00	
County tax	1,518 76	
		$2,534 76

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Hiram L. Pollard, rail for bridge	$0 50	
Charles Sanborn, plank for bridge	10 60	
Anderson Holman, repairs on road	3 78	
George W. French, for labor and stringers	29 25	
William P. W. Whittemore, labor on bridge	6 00	
Edwin Hazelton, stone for bridge	2 50	
Seth D. Lane, 75 feet of plank for bridge	1 50	
Horace E. True, for posts and railing	3 90	
Asahel Weeks, 132 feet of plank	2 64	
William C. Ela, for stone bridge	12 00	
O. F. Page, bridge plank	4 47	
George M. West, plank for bridge	10 00	
Charles S. Wilcomb for guide-post	1 25	
		$88 39

BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

Charles Chase, for two hawks	$0 40	
George W. Wilcomb, for 36 hawks	7 20	
		$7 60

TOWN-HALL EXPENSES.

J. B. Varick, for glass	$1 25	
F. Griffin, for heating hall 12 times	6 00	
J. D. Morse, for repairs on town hall	1 25	
Albert M. Hardy, table for the hall	1 75	
F. Griffin, for heating hall 4 times	2 00	
L. Morse & Son, for settees for the hall	64 00	
		$76 25

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

John B. Clarke, for printing town reports	$24 00	
Temple & Farrington, stationery	1 96	
Temple & Farrington, for collector's book	85	
Charles Chase, getting town reports printed and paying expenses	3 50	
Charles Chase, for stationery.	1 10	
		$31 41

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

Jason Spofford, for 1879	$1 65
Hiram L. Pollard, for 1879	2 50
Richard B. Morse, for 1879	90
George W. French, for 1879	3 50
James D. Lane, for 1879	2 20
Amos Sanborn, for 1879	2 56
Seth D. Lane, to Feb. 5, 1881	35 00
Horace E. True, to Feb. 5, 1881	9 12
Anderson Holman, to Feb. 5, 1881	24 81
Edward West, to Feb. 5, 1881	39 25
Franklin P. Shackford, to Feb. 5, 1881	24 36

James D. Lane, to Feb. 5, 1881	23 25	
Andrew J. Morse, to Feb. 5, 1881	22 37	
John P. Robie, to Feb. 5, 1881	32 25	
Wm. P. W. Whittemore, to Feb. 5, 1881	21 42	
George W. Clark, to Feb. 5, 1881	10 31	
George W. French, to Feb. 5, 1881	23 49	
William A. Smith, for 1879	1 25	
		$280 19

CEMETERY.

Charles Kent, care of cemetery	$4 00	
Charles Kent, for coffin-rests	4 00	
Charles G. McDuffee, for tomb-lock and pick	85	
		$8 85

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Harris L. Gilson, seats for academy	$150 00	
Daniel Sanborn, services showing wood land	1 00	
J. Albert Hooke, services showing wood land	50	
James D. Lane, services showing wood land	50	
Cyrus F. Marston, sealing weights and measures	3 80	
William Crawford, for damage to carriage	3 00	
George W. Clark, for damage to sleigh	75	
		$159 55

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED.

Hiram L. Pollard, for 1879	$5 54
Edward West	18 12
Anderson Holman	3 95
Silas F. Learnard and others	44 44
James D. Lane	4 28

William P. W. Whittemore	3 29	
Andrew J. Morse	20 42	
Edwin Hazelton	2 78	
Horace E. True	9 75	
Franklin P. Shackford	2 25	
Asahel Weeks	1 40	
John P. Robie	33	
William C. Ela	4 08	
John A. Hazelton	6 33	
William A. Smith, for 1879	4 45	
		$131 41

SUPERVISORS.

John W. Noyes	$6 00	
Edmund Sleeper	3 00	
Anderson Holman	3 00	
		$12 00

TOWN TREASURER.

John W. Noyes	$25 00	
		$25 00

TOWN CLERK.

Cyrus F. Marston	$16 00	
		$16 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles A. Wilcomb	$40 00	
		$40 00

ABATEMENT OF TAX ON LIST, 1879.

John H. Cunningham, left town	$1 25
David Laro	1 25
William Griffin, unable to pay	1 25
C. L. Drown, left town	2 85
Wallace H. Drown, left town	2 85
Ernest O. Raymond	1 25

David S. Chase	1 25	
C. H. Knights	1 25	
John Cross	1 25	
George S. Smith, overtaxed on woodland	1 55	
Augustus P. Morse, overtaxed .	6 20	
Charles S. Wilcomb, wrong taxed, 1874	4 14	
John H. Smith, wrong taxed, 1874	7 00	
George Hook, wrong taxed, 1874 .	1 92	
Walter I. Martin, cow died . .	45	
		$35 71

ABATEMENT OF DOG TAX.

Jesse J. Chase, had no dog . .	$1 00	
		$1 00

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

George W. Weeks . . .	$3 00	
William A. Smith. . . .	3 00	
George W. Clark	4 00	
		$10 00

FIREWARDS.

Charles S. Wilcomb . . .	$0 56	
		$0 56

OVERSEER OF POOR.

Charles A. Wilcomb, for goods furnished Joseph Johnson . .	$4 57
Supplies furnished Joseph Johnson	10 00
Betsey Abbott, for boarding George H. McDuffee three weeks . .	7 50
J. W. Preston, for notifying overseer of the poor of the death of George H. McDuffee . . .	1 50
J. M. Young, for coffin for George H. McDuffee	10 00

Charles H. Kent, for services burying George H. McDuffee . .	2 00	
Franklin A. Morse, for boarding Edmund R. Morse three days .	50	
Frank P. Brown, for goods furnished Hannah S. Currier from Jan. 18, 1880, to Jan. 5, 1881 .	62 50	
Mrs. Hattie Knippee, for boarding Edmund R. Morse from Feb. 20, 1880, to Feb. 4, 1881 . .	50 00	
		$148 57
George W. Wilcomb, services and expenses as overseer of the poor	4 50	
		$4 50

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Dr. Lafayette Chesley . . .	$3 75	
		$3 75

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

S. F. Learnard, discount of four per cent, paid before Aug. 1 . .	$96 65	
		$96 65

COLLECTING TAXES.

S. F. Learnard, for 1879 . .	25 58	
S. F. Learnard, in part for 1880 .	65 00	$90 58

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Charles Chase	$66 75	
George W. Wilcomb . . .	39 25	
Moses Webster	31 75	
		$137 75

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Charles Chase	10 50	
George W. Wilcomb . . .	6 50	
Moses Webster	10 00	
		$27 00

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

Cyrus F. Marston	$2 00	
William P. Underhill . . .	2 00	
Samuel S. Parker	2 00	
		$6 00

AUDITORS AND SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

George W. Wilcomb . . .	$4 50	
		$4 50
Total		$5,056 28

CHARLES CHASE,
GEORGE W. WILCOMB,
MOSES WEBSTER,
Selectmen of Chester.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 14, 1881.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the past year, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
WILLIAM P. UNDERHILL,
SAMUEL S. PARKER,
Auditors.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER.

1880.		Dr.
To cash paid	for printing and stationery	$31 41
	for breaking roads	280 19
	for non-resident taxes worked out	131 41
	for improvements on roads and bridges	87 14
	state tax	1,016 00
	county tax	1,518 76
	for care of cemetery and hearse and expenses	8 85
	for sheep killed by dogs	10 00
	for collecting taxes, balance for 1879, and in part for 1880	90 58
	discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1	96 65
	bounty on hawks killed	7 60
	for returns of births and deaths	3 75
	superintending school committee's salary	40 00
	town treasurer's salary	25 00
	town clerk's salary and expenses	16 00
	supervisors' services	12 00
	school money to districts	1,078 33
	overseer of poor, services and expenses	4 50
	for support of poor	148 57
	selectmen's services	137 75
	selectmen's expenses	27 00
	town debt, notes taken up	5,750 93

To cash paid town debt, on notes now outstanding	244	48
expenditure by firewards		56
abatement of taxes	36	71
auditors and selectmen's expenses	4	50
auditors' services	6	00
seats for academy and miscellaneous items	159	55
town hall expenses	76	25
for guide-post	1	25
Balance in the hands of the treasurer	874	17
	$11,925	89

1880.		Cr.	
March 12.	By balance in the treasury on settlement Feb 14, 1880	$1,045	98
16.	By cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	500	00
16.	cash of F. Griffin for rent of town hall	19	00
20.	cash hired of Sarah E. Pratt	1,000	00
20.	cash hired of Benjamin Dearborn	700	00
31.	cash of D. C. French to redeem real estate sold for taxes	13	11
31.	cash of Simon Hazelton to redeem real estate sold for taxes	15	14
31.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	100	00
April 10.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	100	00
10.	cash of D. E. Richardson to redeem real estate sold for taxes	26	52
21.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	200	00
May 13.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	100	00
June 16.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	200	00
17.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	200	00

June	19.	By cash of Moses Webster for town farm sold by him . . .	1,700 00
July	15.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	100 00
	22.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	200 00
	31.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	1,100 00
Aug.	4.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	816 42
Sept.	22.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	250 00
Dec.	15.	cash of state treasurer, railroad tax	32 67
	15.	cash of state treasurer, savings-bank tax	725 31
	15.	cash of state treasurer, literary fund	90 28
	25.	interest of Clark B. Hall . .	2 59
	25.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	1,000 00
1881.			
Jan.	27.	By cash of J. A. Raymond to redeem real estate sold for taxes	10 73
	27.	cash of G. W. French to redeem real estate sold for taxes	8 00
	27.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1879	100 00
	27.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	400 00
Feb.	1.	cash hired of Lydia Carr . .	600 00
	8.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	300 00
	8.	cash of S. F. Learnard balance of tax-list of 1879 . . .	143 14
	11.	cash of Moses Webster for rent of town farm pasture . .	27 00
	12.	cash of S. F. Learnard on tax-list of 1880	100 00
			$11,925 89

JOHN W. NOYES,
Town Treasurer.

Chester, February 14, 1881.

STATEMENT.

The town owes notes as follows, all on interest at four per cent per annum, interest cast to March 1, 1881: —

1878.				
Feb.	1.	Frederick Wason	$1,241 47	
	1.	Betsey Pressey	100 00	
	1.	Daty Ann Morse	328 37	
	1.	Martha W. Webster	225 73	
	1.	Moses Webster	1,128 61	
	1.	Jonathan Pressey	846 46	
	1.	Sarah Shaw	846 46	
	1.	Sarah A. Morse	1,012 87	
	1.	Joseph Webster	733 51	
	1.	Elizabeth K. Cheswell	317 00	
	15.	Daniel Sanborn	1,126 73	
	15.	William P. Underhill	496 59	
April	10.	Mary Butterfield	224 00	
July	1.	James D. Lane	308 26	
	1.	John Lane	102 75	
	1.	David Currier	168 70	
Nov.	23.	Lydia Towle	120 26	
	29.	Lauren S. Wason	436 96	
1879.				
Jan.	9.	George M. Clark	108 79	
	15.	Martha A. Hatch	217 40	
	19.	Ebenezer Marden	401 81	
	19.	Lavinia J. Wason	152 10	
	19.	John Wason, 2d	119 52	
Feb.	1.	Charles H. Knowles	217 05	
	4.	Julia A. Sanborn	173 54	
	5.	Matilda S. True	129 15	
	10.	Ella E. Webster	120 67	
	10.	Matilda S. True	130 86	
	17.	Mary Sanborn	303 27	
1880.				
March	20.	Benjamin Dearborn	726 44	
1881.				
Feb.	1.	Lydia Carr	602 00	
				$13,167 33

From which deduct: —

Cash in Treasurer's hands . .	$874 17	
Balance due on J. N. Hazleton, tax-list of 1874	98 28	
Balance due on J. N. Hazleton, tax-list of 1875	189 54	
Balance due on S. F. Learnard, tax-list of 1880	1,000 00	
Balance due from the United States	895 00	
		$3,056 99
Balance against the town		$10,110 34
Balance against the town reduced the past year		$165 47

JOHN W. NOYES, *Treasurer.*

CHESTER, Feb. 14, 1881.

CHESTER, Feb. 14, 1881.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Town Treasurer's accounts for the past year, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
WILLIAM P. UNDERHILL,
SAMUEL S. PARKER,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following report of school work for 1880–81 is respectfully submitted: —

DISTRICT No. 1. Money, $249.03.

N. B. Goldsmith, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss A. M. Greeley of Londonderry, N. H.

This school has been well governed, and steady progress made during the three years Miss G. has had control. The opening of the academy has called many of the older pupils from the school, and brought the number to a reasonable average, thus benefiting alike those who attended both schools. In the choice of future committees let the good sense of the district select a person who, having the welfare of the school (not a personal or pecuniary interest) in mind, shall make a selection of a competent and experienced instructor, who shall continue, and possibly improve upon, the work so well done by the last teacher.

DISTRICT No. 2. Money, $150.92.

C. N. Fitz, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss N. M. Moore of Derry, N. H.

The committee was well pleased with the selection of teacher, following out the suggestion in a former report, as well as the teachings of experience, that the best is the cheapest. It is gratifying to witness the general interest mani-

fest in parents and friends, as is shown by their repeated visits and presence at examinations.

Especially in arithmetic did the school excel.

DISTRICT No. 3. Money, $183.68.

W. P. W. Whittemore, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss N. B. Sleeper of Chester.

In no school in town has there been so marked and beneficial a change. Listlessness has given way to attention, indolence to activity, and, in consequence, good recitations and sure progress are seen. Especially did the examination show improvement in reading. A continuation of similar work will yield pleasing results.

This school was favored with more weeks of schooling than any other district, for which pupils and parents should feel gratified.

DISTRICT No. 4. Money, $69.83.

D. S. West, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss A. M. Marsters of Chester.

Miss M. carries her peculiar energy into the school-room, and with a larger field the results of her labors would be more apparent. General satisfaction was expressed, and the examinations showed satisfactory progress.

Thoroughness is and has been here a missing quality, and, until special attention shall be given it, full and lasting returns for labor and money may not be expected. Future teachers should be instructed to make this a prominent factor in the problem of school work.

DISTRICT No. 5. Money, $59.75.

Martin L. Butterfield, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Mrs. M. J. Dolber.

Mrs. D. enters into her work with a motherly interest, with quite satisfactory success. Every teacher should pre-

serve a certain dignity in the school-room which shall demand the respect of her pupils, and at the same time command their attention and esteem. The unusual brightness of some scholars in this district calls for the best teachers, to whom corresponding wages must be paid.

Examination exercises were very interesting.

DISTRICT No. 6. Money, $61.18.

B. F. Spofford, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss Myra Gillingham of Chester.

A great improvement is very noticeable in Miss Gillingham's methods of discipline and school work, bringing with them more satisfactory returns.

This school appeared better than ever before during my term of office.

DISTRICT No. 7. Money, $88.78.

B. A. Follansbee, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss Mary E. Wilcomb.

It was the universal testimony of those interested and informed, that the year's work has been fruitful in much good. Judging from examinations, my conclusions coïncide. Much of every teacher's success depends upon the heartiness with which pupils and parents second her efforts. Often good teachers fail for want of *home influence*, and *every* teacher fulfills her task more cheerfully and satisfactorily when she is assured of its potent power.

DISTRICT No. 8. Money, $83.46.

Horace E. True, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss M. F. Haselton of Chester.

Miss Haselton made a good successor to a good and efficient teacher, and the committee will run great risk in making a change next year. Good reports come from all as to the interest awakened and work done.

DISTRICT No. 9. Money, $69.54.

AMOS SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss Minnie D. Smith of Chester.

This school is so small it taxes the ingenuity of the teacher to devise ways to most profitably improve her time, and allows her great opportunity to give personal instruction and explanation in recitations, by which means scholars make the most progress. Miss Smith made every effort to improve her charge, and well did she succeed. Some of the pupils should be given the advantages of a high school.

DISTRICT No. 10. Money, $47.42.

HENRY KNIGHTS, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Mrs. J. A. Hooke.

The usual gratifying results accompanied Mrs. Hooke's labors. Her roll of honor shows five out of ten scholars who have not been absent a single half-day during the year.

ACADEMY.

The trustees were very fortunate in securing as principal the services of Mr. W. I. Smith of Manchester, N. H., a graduate of Dartmouth College, who has entered upon his labors with earnest zeal and discretion. It is a settled question, that with competent instructors and a continuous school Chester Academy can be nearly, if not quite, self-supporting. During the year new seats of the most approved pattern have been placed in the school-room, and altogether the place is pleasant and comfortable. With the present large and efficient board of trustees, it would seem impossible to want for means or methods for a permanent school.

It is quite common for persons interested in, but unacquainted with, the working of our public schools in rural

towns, to find fault because more is not accomplished by the teachers hired to teach them, and criticisms quite harsh are often made, which are unjust. If such persons would inform themselves in regard to the matter, they would find it a very difficult problem. It has long been a question among leading educators how to make the most of the money raised in country towns to be applied to schools, and legislation has tried, with partial success, to solve the problem. Many complain because the teacher is not what they would like; but comparing the wages with the work I find they generally correspond. It is very probable that at the next session of the legislature some bill will be passed having for its aim a more systematic supervision of public schools, probably by county commissioners. During the year some of the schools have been broken up by measles and the extreme severity of the weather, in which cases much injury to the general result has been done. It is my opinion that the schools of Chester, on the average, are fully up to, if not above, the average of the past few years. In every district the same teacher has taught through the year, a very unusual thing. A great hindrance to a statistical table of the averages of attendance, etc., is the imperfect manner in which registers are filled out by teachers, rendering a perfect summary impossible; and I would remind prudential committees to look up the law, and not pay teachers in full until a certificate from the superintendent is shown them, certifying they have complied with the requirements of the law, by which much labor would be saved to the committee, and a more full and comprehensive account rendered to the citizens.

CHARLES A. WILCOMB,
Superintending Committee.

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